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Title: Need to rename the Silchar Railway Station as Basha Sahid Station and Agartala-Silchar Express as Basha Sahid Express.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIDYA (KARIMGANJ): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I want to raise a very sentimental issue of our valley, the Barak Valley. In the year 1961, in Barak Valley there was an unprecedented non-violent movement and the demand was to induct Bengali as one of the State languages in Assam. As a part of that movement, on 19th of May that year there was a programme of Satyagraha in a railway station. On that day, police fired on 11 Satyagrahis who became martyrs for the cause of our language.[KMR17]

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The 40-lakh people of our Valley were united and people from all the political parties, all religions and castes joined the movement. Now, they want to pay tribute to those martyrs. They demanded that the Silchar Railway Station, where those Satyagrahis became martyrs, be re-named as Bhasha Saheed Station, and the Agartala-Silchar Express Train be re-named as Bhasha Saheed Express.

The people of our Valley want to pay homage to the martyrs who laid their lives for our language. I know that the hon. Railway Minister is considering that case. It is under the consideration of the Railway Ministry. But my request is that this change as desired by the people of our Valley may be accorded as soon as possible so that we can pay homage to our martyrs:- who will be remembered foreover.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: I have received just now three more names; since today is the last day of the Session, as a special case, I will allow only these three more names and not more.